

*Questioning ~ Connecting ~ Seeing ~ Hearing ~ Engaging*

Esprit Orchestra – educating Canada's young people about new music for nearly 20 years!!!

**March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Jane Mallett Theatre, St. Lawrence Centre**

# The Weekend Young Composers Festival

**Esprit brings 30 of Canada's brightest young composers together for a weekend...** of guest artist appearances, concerts, special performances, short films, & talks by cultural giants. ***Bring it on!***

**On Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Canada's trail-blazers meet the torch-bearers! Join us...as Esprit introduces Canada's award-winning young composers to each other, to you – their new and future audiences – and to professional and cultural leaders alike.**

- **Hear classical music & cultural passions for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!**
- **See little-known short films by Canada's finest directors!**
- **Enjoy Esprit performances of music by young & established composers!**
- **Check out 2 new Dutch films accompanied live by Esprit!**

Friday, March 1	Saturday, March 2
<p><b>12:15 to 12:45 pm – School Concert Composer's Talk:</b> Students hear composers Brian Current &amp; Jose Evangelista talk about their music.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• * Plus, they meet Canada's celebrated violinist, Rivka Golani, who speaks about her performance of Evangelista's music, which was written for her.</li></ul> <p><b>1:00 to 2:00 pm – School Concert:</b> Students enjoy Esprit orchestra conducted by Alex Pauk in performances of Brian Current's <i>For the Time Being</i> and Jose Evangelista's Concerto for Viola and Orchestra.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• * After each performance, students have the chance to ask questions from the audience.</li></ul> <p><b>7:00 pm – Short films</b> produced by Rhombus Media, directed by Guy Maddin, Don McKellar &amp; Jeremy Podeswa, plus electroacoustic music by Ariel Santana</p> <p><b>8:00 pm – Concert with guest artist: Rivka Golani</b>, viola; music by Brian Current &amp; José Evangelista; plus 2 Dutch films accompanied live by Esprit: <i>Helen Barbara</i> – David Lammers, director; David Dramm, composer; and <i>Rhombos</i> – Esther Eva Damen, director; Yannis Kyriakides, composer</p>	<p><b>10:00 am – Open rehearsal – All welcome!</b></p> <p><b>4:30 pm – "Out of the Box"</b> – An exchange of ideas with talks by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Bram Buijze, Royal Netherlands Embassy Cultural Attaché</li><li>▪ Evelyn Hart, Prima Ballerina</li><li>▪ Arsinée Khanjian, Actor</li><li>▪ Composers Michael Colgrass, José Evangelista &amp; John Rea</li></ul> <p><b>6:00 pm – Light buffet dinner</b> (call: 416-366-7723)</p> <p><b>7:00 pm – Short films</b> produced by Rhombus Media, directed by Atom Egoyan, David Cronenberg &amp; Michael Snow, plus electroacoustic music by Mathieu Lafontaine and Pierre Alexandre Tremblay, and a screening of <i>Portrait of Evelyn Hart</i></p> <p><b>8:00 pm – Concert</b> - Music by Paul Frehner, Geof Holbrook, Chris Paul Harman &amp; Paul Steenhuisen, plus Dutch composer Ron Ford with Unionville High School student composers</p>

To attend as our guests call Sandy Bell by Feb. 18: 416-815-7887, or email [info@espritorchestra.com](mailto:info@espritorchestra.com)